

## Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the Rafale squadron's first woman fighter pilot

Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh has etched her name in the annals of Indian aviation history as she becomes the first female pilot to fly the prestigious Rafale fighter jet. This groundbreaking achievement exemplifies her exceptional skills, unwavering determination, and relentless pursuit of her dreams. Singh's journey serves as an inspiration to women across the nation, encouraging them to break barriers and pursue careers in male-dominated fields.

The Rafale, a state-of-the-art multi-role fighter aircraft, is considered one of the most advanced and formidable jets in the world. Singh's successful completion of the intensive training required to fly this aircraft showcases her exceptional competence and adaptability in handling cutting-edge technology. Her achievement highlights the Indian Air Force's commitment to inclusivity and gender equality, opening doors for more women to excel in combat aviation.

Singh's accomplishment is not only significant for herself but also for the nation as a whole. It reflects India's progress in promoting gender diversity and empowering women in the armed forces. With her courage and skill, she has shattered stereotypes and proven that gender is not a barrier to achieving excellence in any field.

The journey to becoming a Rafale pilot is rigorous and demanding, requiring exceptional physical and mental strength. Singh's achievement is a testament to her dedication, perseverance, and passion for aviation. Her trailblazing feat is expected to inspire a new generation of women to pursue their dreams in the Indian Air Force and other branches of the armed forces.

Singh's success story resonates beyond the aviation realm. It symbolizes the evolving role of women in India, where barriers are being broken, and opportunities are being created for them to thrive in traditionally male-dominated professions. Her achievement serves as a powerful reminder that women are capable of excelling in any field and should be encouraged to pursue their ambitions without constraints.

As India celebrates Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh's groundbreaking accomplishment, it is a moment of pride and inspiration for the entire nation. Her courage, determination, and dedication have paved the way for future generations of women to pursue their dreams fearlessly. Singh's achievement underscores the importance of gender equality and the limitless potential of women in the Indian Armed Forces and beyond.

Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh's journey as India's first female Rafale pilot serves as a beacon of hope and empowerment. Her achievement reaffirms the nation's commitment to fostering an inclusive society and recognizing the immense talent and capabilities of women. Singh's story is a testament to the power of perseverance, breaking barriers, and reaching new heights in the pursuit of one's dreams.



**Some Lesser Known Facts About Shivangi Singh**  
Shivangi Singh is a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force who became India's first

Woman Rafale Fighter Pilot after getting through a rigorous selection process in 2020.

Since her childhood, she was fascinated to become a pilot; in an interview, she stated I always wanted to fly, as any child would dream of doing. Ever since I learned about the Air Force, I wanted only one thing – to become a fighter pilot. That is the reason I joined the Air Force."

During her college days, she joined 7 Uttar Pradesh Air Squadron NCC at Banaras Hindu University which paved her path to join the Indian Air Force.

In 2016, she cleared the standard aptitude test and became the first female to join the Indian Air Force from the city of Varanasi. In July, she joined Air Force Academy in Dundigal, Telangana and started her journey as a fighter pilot.

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In April 2023, she participated in one of the biggest wargame exercises, Orion, held in France along with other Air Force officers and become the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in it. It was India's first time to participate in an overseas exercise for the Rafale aircraft.

## Kids Craft: Fairy House



### Supplies

Clay pots – each fairy house requires one 10" saucer, one 7" saucer, and one 7" pot (or sizes of your choosing)

Acrylic paint for outdoor use – colors of your choice

Mod Podge Outdoor

Unfinished wood accent pieces

Floral moss – can be adhesive or not

Wood slices in various sizes (optional)

Outdoor glue like E-6000

Paintbrushes

Spouncers (optional)

Gnomes, fairies, and other garden embellishments

### Instructions

Before beginning, make sure your terra cotta pots are clean and the labels are removed. You can use mild soap and water to clean a clay pot; just make sure it's fully dry before painting.

Paint the lip of a clay pot

Start by painting the rim of your clay pot(s) with a few coats of acrylic paint. Let

dry.

Paint the base of a clay pot. Choose another color and paint the base of your terra cotta pot. Don't worry about the bottom of the pot; it won't be seen.

Unfinished wood fairy house door and windows

Choose the unfinished wood pieces that you'd like to paint to decorate your house. Paint the pieces with multisurface paint and let dry. These are going to look fantastic on a fairy house!

Turn a clay pot into a mushroom

Paint the saucers of your DIY fairy garden with whatever colors you like. I recommend painting the larger saucers green to match the moss. We turned the tops of the fairy houses into mushrooms by adding polka dots with a spouncer!

Cut a piece of moss to fit the 10 saucer. You can do this by tracing the bottom of the pot onto the back of the moss, if it's a sheet. If you decide to use moss pieces, glue them down with a waterproof glue to cover the base.

Add embellishments to your DIY fairy garden, like small wood circle steps. Add them with the waterproof glue.

We also placed gnomes, but we didn't glue them down because we want to be able to change those out to various animals, fairies, etc.

## FUN RIDDLES

I get answered even though

I never ask a question.

What am I?

## English Proverbs and Meanings

\* **A drowning man will clutch at a straw.**

When someone is in a difficult situation, he will take any available opportunity to improve it.

\* **A fool and his money are soon parted.**

Foolish people do not know how to hold on to their money.

\* **Among the blind the one-eyed man is king.**

An incapable person can gain powerful position if others in the fray are even more incapable.

\* **An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.**

If someone does something wrong, then they should be punished by same degree of injury or punishment.

\* **An ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure.**

A little precaution before a crisis hits is better than lot of firefighting afterwards.

\* **A thing begun is half done.**

A good beginning makes it easier to accomplish the rest of the project.

## Roasted Baby Potatoes



### Ingredients:

400 gm small potatoes with skins  
1 teaspoon thyme  
4 cloves garlic, salt as required  
1 teaspoon rosemary  
1 1/2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil  
1 handful parsley  
1 teaspoon black pepper

### Method

To begin with this easy recipe, just wash the potatoes and pat dry them. Do not peel the skin. Next, preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius. In the meantime, take a baking tray and grease it with a little oil.

Place it inside the oven so that it gets piping hot. Take large bowl and add the baby potatoes, olive oil, chopped garlic, thyme and rosemary along with salt and black pepper. Mix well all the ingredients.

When the tray becomes hot, take it out of the oven using mittens and arrange the seasoned potatoes. You can sprinkle some parsley and keep some for garnishing. Roast the potatoes to perfection. Roast the seasoned baby potatoes in the oven for 20 minutes until they become golden and crispy. Garnish with fresh parsley.

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## Motichoor Laddoo



### Ingredients:

2 1/2 cup gram flour (besan)  
3 cup ghee  
2 pinch baking soda  
1 1/2 teaspoon green cardamom  
1/2 teaspoon edible food color

### For The Main Dish

3 cup sugar  
2 cup water

### Method

To make this traditional Indian sweet at home, take a large bowl to add 2 1/2 cups of gram flour, then mix orange colour and mix it well. Then, add some water and a little baking soda.

Blend the mixture well and make sure, there are no lumps. Once the blend attains a perfect consistency. It's time to move to the next step.

Now, heat ghee in a large deep frying pan. Place a perforated ladle on top of the oil and add some of the batter. Slowly let the boondi batter fall in the oil and cook them on a low flame, till properly cooked. Once done, place the boondi on a tissue paper to remove excess oil.

Then, take a pan and add some water and sugar; allow this blend to boil until it attains a two string consistency. Then add some cardamom powder and let it cook.

Then add the boondis and cook till the sugar syrup and boondi is perfectly mixed. Cover it with the lid and turn off the flame.

Grease your hands with a little ghee and start shaping the laddoos. Place them in an open tray and garnish with some crushed pistachios and indulge in the goodness.